

Abbott Memorial Library  
Board of Trustees Minutes DRAFT

June 17, 2024

The June 17th meeting took place in person at the library and began at 7:14pm.

Present: Mary Worrell, Betsy Rhodes, Jocelyn Randles, Jim Robinson, and Cara DeFoor, Doug Abbott and Cory Smith

The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

The May 20th Minutes were reviewed and adopted

### **Reports**

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Cory Smith (Librarian)

- Summer reading kits are available now that the school year has concluded.
- A craft table will be available throughout the summer during regular library hours. For the first craft, kids will get opportunities to make their own summer adventure journals.
- The summer reading program grant will be applied toward bringing cartoonist, Rick Stromoski, to the library on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am. He will be leading a drawing workshop for ages 6-14. Space will be available for up to 30 children.

Betsy Rhodes (Building and Grounds)

- The furnace was serviced by Irving Energy on May 30<sup>th</sup> and it is in good working order.
- Radon levels have been good, hovering around 2 in the basement. The air filters are being monitored and cleaned as needed.
- Betsy repaired the toilet with a pre-1982 flapper replacement.
- Betsy has pulled some invasives around the parking area. She trimmed the top of the bank between the parking area and the brook. She reinforced the top of the bank by reclaiming hard pack and stones that had been pushed into the creek.
- Cory and Betsy put up a temporary barrier to delineate the edge of the parking area to help people stay on the new pavement. So far the fence is working well.
- Chimney repair is still on the docket

Doug Abbott (Outreach)

- Doug is planning a Dr Seuss reading for September.
- The board discussed a teen writing program for the fall
- The board would like to form an adult book club group.
- The board discussed using Ira Abbott fund money to bring back the No Strings Puppet show.
- Betsy will reach out to Mark Binder to set up the Summer MOTH style event.

Jocelyn Randles (Development)

- Jocelyn has started generating ideas for this year's appeal letter.

Mary Worrell (Acting Treasurer and Chair)

- The board discussed the Vanguard endowment fund account performance through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Dividends should be spent annually.
- The board discussed the reserve fund performance
- \$5k will be transferred from the Abbot fund to the operating fund to cover the costs of paving.
- A new VT tax on employees for funding childcare has been set at .44%. The board has voted to cover this cost rather than have it deducted from librarian pay.
- Mary will renew our lease with The Woodstock History Center for housing a few pieces of art (Thomas Ware portraits and a few other artifacts).

The DeFoor will host a volunteer potluck on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The board has decided to volunteer for the Covered Bridges Race for 2025.

Next meeting will be at the library on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Meeting adjourned: 8:49pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Cara DeFoor, Secretary